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SUBJECT: SOVIET SALVAGE TEAM

1. IN PRESS INTERVIEW LAST WEEK, ADMIRAL ZUYENKO, CHIEF OF SOVIET SALVAGE TEAM, SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD BEGIN DEMOBILIZING THE SALVAGE OPERATION MARCH 15, REMOVING TWO MINESWEEPERS AND REDUCING PERSONNEL. THE SALVAGE OPERATION IN TOTAL WILL END JUNE 30. ACCORDING TO SUYENKO, THE SOVIETS HAVE RECOVERED 1,400 TONS (SIC) OF CORRUGATED IRON SHEETS FROM TWO BARGES SUNK IN THE KARNMAFUI RIVER, REMOVED MINES, MARKED THE NAVIGATIONAL ROUTE, AND RAISED 20 SHIPS. FOUR MORE SHIPS REMAIN TO BE SALVAGED IN THE OPERATION. SOVIETS ARE ALSO TRAINING 44 BENGALLEES IN SALVAGE WORK.

2. WE CONCLUDE THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE FOUND THE SALVAGE WORK TO BE AN EXPENSIVE AND HIGHLY VISIBLE OPERATION. EVEN AFTER THE SALVAGE TEAMS'S DEPARTURE, HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS WILL REMAIN WELL ENTRANCHED IN

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